

Southeast Meeting Minutes for 1/11/2001

Meeting on 01/11/01 at Fairfax City hall room 306.

NEXT MEETING Thursday 1/25/01 7pm location TBD.

Attachment is list of original volunteers

The Task Force used an agenda provided by Alex Verzosa:

Introductions

Attending were 12 Southeast Task Force members and two City Staff facilitators, four Southwest neighborhood Task Force members also participated in the background review.

Background

John Veneziano (City engineer) discussed the intent:

The City Council has initiated this Task Force process to get neighborhood input in developing plans to control traffic in their neighborhoods. The Council expects the Task Force to generate solutions affecting traffic speed, volume and/or enforcement where the needs of neighborhood will have been determined and a consensus on desirability established.

The Council asks the Task Force to consider solutions which can be measured to judge effectiveness. Implementation of proposals which are simple to install and remove, if trials prove it ineffective, is to have highest priority.

Any proposal by the Task Force will initiate a public hearing to enable council approval for installation. The prior petitioning process may still be used but preference is for this Task Force process. A meeting to start this process was held on 11/8/00, comments from residents at that meeting were handed out by Alex Verzosa (Transportation director).

In a couple of weeks an expanded city Web site will be available wherein traffic counts, Task Force meeting notices and similar information will be posted.

Selection of Chairman

Andy Werthmann agreed to be the Task Force chair with the understanding that this involves running the meetings, collecting ideas and presenting them to the City Council. Rich Holden offered to assist Andy.

Selection of Secretary

Ivars Arums did not decline the position.

Ground Rules for the Task Force Meetings

Membership - City residents working in an ad hoc manner. The more the merrier all neighbors are urged to participate.

Voting - All attending may vote, chairman to determine consensus.

Meetings - Every two weeks on Thursdays from 7 to 9 pm. Location to be determined by the chairman based on room availability.

Task Force Objectives /Goals

The Chairman assigned the members to ask their neighbors for opinions and each member is to input at least two ideas at the next meeting.

The Task Force will formulate its objective(s) (i.e., is it traffic calming or volume or?) at the next meeting.

Timetable for activity is short since the Council changes in two years, the Task Force wants to present proposals to the council in two months to allow for idea discussion, tryout and final implementation while we have a supportive City Council.

General comments raised two items of interest:

Burke Station road has no calming devices like Roberts road primarily because Roberts road residents asked first.

The city comprehensive plan does not make changes to Roberts or Burke Station roads in terms of widening or reclassifying usage.

Agenda for 1/25/01 meeting

7:00 Introductions
7:05 Chairman's comments

7:15 Brainstorming session
(At least two ideas per member - nothing is inappropriate.
Discussion & feasibility to be basis for further action.)
8:15 Objective formulation
(What problem(s) is to be resolved and how will we
measure its effectiveness.)

8:30 Next meeting agenda & assignments
8:45 General discussion
9:00 Adjourn

Resources on the Web which may help generate ideas:

Descriptions of traffic calming devices with pictures
www.trafficcalming.org

What neighborhoods can do and pictures of devices in use in Portland
www.trans.ci.portland.or.us/Traffic_management/TrafficCalming/ HOW/How.htm

Fairfax traffic calming policy & definitions
www.fairfaxva.gov/cityinfo/traffic.html

Policy to manage neighborhood traffic in Tempe includes a table on impacts of
traffic management devices
www.tempe.gov/traffic/trafmngnt.htm

Traffic safety program review of Rochester Hills
[section C describes a letter to speeders process]
www.rochesterhills.org/dpstraff.htm

King County (Seattle) describes driver, parent, resident roles.
www.metrokc.gov/kcdot/roads/rwneigh.htm